

PATENT
Docket No. 0553-0322.01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>Prior Application:</p> <p>Examiner: <u>A. Ghyka</u></p> <p>Art Unit: <u>2812</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.60 request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on <u>November 12, 2003</u> in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number <u>EV 321715292</u> addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231</p> <p><u>ARMANDO CHING</u> name of person signing</p> <p><u><i>Armando Ching</i></u> signature</p>
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TRANSMITTAL OF FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.60(b)

1. This is a request for filing a

☒ [X] Divisional

☐ [] Continuation

application under 37 CFR 1.60 of pending prior application Serial No. 10/156,873 filed on May 29, 2002 of Shunpei YAMAZAKI for Thermal Treatment Equipment And Method For Heat-Treating.

2. True Copy of Original Prior Application Papers Attached.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed (37 CFR 1.60).

3. Amendments

☐ Cancel in this application original claims_____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment (prior to calculating the filing fee)

4. Information Disclosure Statement

☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

5. Fee Calculation (claims pending after entry of any amendments above)

☐ A verified statement of small entity status:

☐ has been filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired

☐ is attached

☒ Other than small entity

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate sm/lg ent.	Fee
Total Claims	15	-20 =0	x \$9/18	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	- 3 = 1	x \$43/86	\$86.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	No		\$290/145	\$0.00
Basic Fee (minimum amount required)			\$385/770	\$770
Assignment			\$40	\$0
Total Filing Fee				\$856.00

6. Fee Payment

☒ A check in the amount of \$856.00 is enclosed

☐ Please charge deposit account 50/1039 in the amount of _____.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50/1039. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

7. Drawings

☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.

☐ Informal drawings are enclosed.

8. Foreign Priority

☒ Priority of foreign application serial no. 2001-167422 filed on June 1, 2001 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

☒ The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. 10/156,873.

☐ The certified copy will follow.

9. Relate Back -- 35 U.S.C. 120

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a divisional of copending U.S. application Serial No. 10/156,873, filed on May 29, 2002.--

10. Inventorship

With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120 the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

☒ the same

☐ less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted:

11. Assignment

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.

☐ An assignment of the invention to _____ is attached (with cover sheet) for recording..

12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until _____ or

☐ A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending parent application (copy enclosed).

13. Power of Attorney

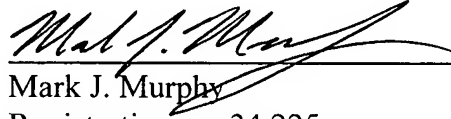
[X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Edward D. Manzo,
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[X] The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

[] Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the
power in the prior application is enclosed.

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